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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
SEISHI KATO, ET AL. )  
Application No.: 09/284,320 )  
Filed: June 21, 1999 )  
For: HUMAN PROTEINS HAVING )  
TRANSMEMBRANE DOMAINS )  
AND DNAs ENCODING THESE )  
PROTEINS )  
Examiner: Jegatheesan Seharaseyon  
Group Art Unit: 1647  
December 11, 2002

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

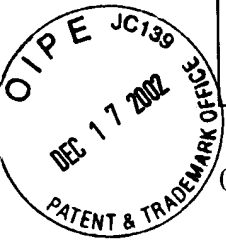
REQUEST FOR WITHDRAWAL OF OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

Applicants received an Office Action dated November 29, 2002 (Paper No. 34) in the above-identified application. This paper seeks to have that Office Action vacated.

REMARKS

Applicants filed on October 29, 2002 an RCE. The RCE transmittal included a Request to suspend action under 37 C.F.R. §1.103(c) for three months (item 2a),



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